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As if somebody pulled the planet's gigantic plug. Staring down the eye of yet another fierce storm. Category 5 Super Typhoon Trami is unstoppable and heading for Japan and Taiwan. Be safe down there! #TyphoonTrami

Typhoon Trami photographed from the International Space Station. It caused a full stop on air traffic and train connections on the Sunday before the opening of the 6<sup>th</sup> SPARC General Assembly in Kyoto, Japan, which was attended by well over 350 scientists from all over the world and offered the opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved, where gaps in the portfolio of research undertaken by SPARC need to be filled, and to define where SPARC needs to be moving to remain responsive to the needs of both its members and the users of SPARC research products. Also, a number of side-meetings of various SPARC activities took place (see reports in this newsletter).

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# Impressions from the SPARC General Assembly

Photos: Masashi Kohma (plenary) and Hans Volkert

## Organisation



## Plenary after opening



## Oral presentations and discussion







Early Career Scientist events



Plenary after opening



Discussion at poster  
and with panel